

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chairman Wanda Grinde, on February 9, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Wanda Grinde, Chairman (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Robin Hamilton, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Bob Wagner (R)

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Jeremy Gersovitz, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 41, 2/2/2009; SJ 2, 2/2/2009;
SJ 8, 2/2/2009

Executive Action: HB 15

00:15:19 Chairman Grinde

HEARING ON SJ 2

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:22 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SJ 2,
Study community college establishment process.

Proponents Testimony:

00:17:45 Ann Brodsky, Legal Counsel, Governor's Office
00:19:10 Mary Sheehy Moe, Deputy Commissioner of Higher
Education

Opponents Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:09 Rep. Brown
00:23:44 Sen. Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:30 Sen. Lewis

HEARING ON SB 41

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:14 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on
SB 41, Clarify community college district approval
process.

Proponents Testimony:

00:27:14 Ms. Sheehy Moe

Opponents Testimony:

00:30:08 Ms. Brodsky
00:35:21 David Ewer, Budget Director, Governor's Office

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:34 Rep. Butcher
00:40:18 Sen. Lewis
00:41:39 Rep. Butcher
00:42:09 Chairman Grinde
00:42:15 Rep. Butcher
00:43:00 Sen. Lewis
00:43:05 Rep. Brown
00:43:53 Ms. Brodsky
00:45:36 Rep. Malek
00:45:52 Sen. Lewis
00:46:22 Rep. Malek
00:46:44 Sen. Lewis
00:47:27 Rep. Malek
00:48:02 Sen. Lewis
00:49:13 Rep. Malek
00:49:32 Sen. Lewis
00:50:21 Rep. Lake

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:24 Sen. Lewis

HEARING ON SJ 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:18 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SJ 8,
Urge development of K-20 education shared policy goals.

Proponents Testimony:

00:55:50 Steve Meloy, Executive Director, Board of Public
Education
00:56:52 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education
00:57:59 Joyce Silverthorn, P-20 Policy Advisor, Office of
Public Instruction

Opponents Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:47 Sen. Hawks
00:59:23 Chairman Grinde

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 15

1:00:13 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 15 DO PASS.**

01:00:40 **Motion:** Rep. Bean moved that **HB 15 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(edh30a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh30a02\)](#)

Discussion:

01:06:17 Rep. Wilmer

01:07:00 Rep. Bean

01:07:36 Rep. Fleming

01:09:11 Rep. Bean

01:10:14 Chairman Grinde

01:10:18 Rep. Butcher

01:11:52 Rep. Hamilton

01:12:30 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Reps.
Blasdel, Boniek, Brown, Bean, Lake, Butcher and
Washburn voting aye. Rep. Wagner voted by proxy.

01:13:48 Rep. Brown

01:14:25 Rep. Grinde

01:14:49 Rep. Brown

01:15:20 Rep. Grinde

01:15:24 Rep. Lake

01:16:23 Rep. Butcher

01:16:47 Rep. Malek

01:18:36 Rep. Washburn

01:19:21 Chairman Grinde

01:19:52 Rep. Fleming

01:21:11 Rep. Wilmer

01:22:29 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 15 DO PASS** failed 8-8 by roll
call vote with Reps. Hamilton, Wilmer, Fleming, Malek,
McClafferty, Beck, Calf Boss Ribs and Grinde voting
aye. Rep. Wagner voted by proxy.

01:23:43 Rep. Lake

01:23:46 Rep. Grinde

01:24:18 Rep. Beck

01:24:44 Rep. Bean

01:25:08 Rep. Malek

01:25:40 Rep. Fleming

01:26:02 Rep. Grinde

ADJOURNMENT

01:26:10 Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

Debbie Carlson, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([edh30aad.pdf](#))